

DIARY NOTES

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1. At my request Matt Baird sent [REDACTED] to brief me on the status of safehouses used by the Office of Training. I am satisfied that Training needs all of the safehouses that it has for covert training, but do not believe that it needs one for the Assessment and Evaluation Staff. [REDACTED] is to let me know whether or not Training is agreeable to dropping this one.

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2. [REDACTED] suggested that I prepare an outline for the Director's talk at the Chamber of Commerce in Fairfax. He emphasized that Mr. Dulles did not like a written speech. Later in the day the Director buzzed to say that he had a complication on his dates and could not address the Chamber on the 30th of April but could do so on 6 or 8 May. I immediately contacted Mr. Townsend and told him of this. He is to check his local arrangements and let me know on Monday whether or not one of these dates can be substituted.

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3. Larry Houston said that the justification prepared by the Office of Logistics for [REDACTED]

4. Bob Macy telephoned to say that Mr. Brundage would like very much to come over for lunch and a briefing as soon as Mr. Dulles got back from his rest next week. Therefore, I should follow up on this to make the necessary arrangements.

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5. [REDACTED] were up to talk to me about Rex' trip to the Far East. The new table of organization appears to be OK. The only controversial points are that Larry Houston feels that the Legal Officer should report to the [REDACTED] rather than the Chief of the Support Division and John Tietjen feels the same way about the senior medical representative. I told Rex that I would be inclined to go along with these arguments inasmuch as these two people were the only senior support officers who clearly had area-wide responsibilities.

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He believes, and says that Jim Garrison concurs, that [REDACTED] should replace [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

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Rex raised again the question of having staff agents in lieu of staff employees in Project [REDACTED]. Ken seemed to think that the proposed Regulation on "contract personnel" which [REDACTED] has been working on would solve all of these problems. I told him I didn't think that this Regulation had very much, if any, bearing on that particular problem and that I saw no reason why it should not be solved without regard to the Regulation. I asked Ken specifically to look into the matter without further delay.

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6. Met with [REDACTED] and Gates Lloyd to consider space allocations in the new building. Made only minor suggestions with regard to the DD/S area which is not the best but which will do under the circumstances. I asked H. S. to draft a memorandum (written in a personal vein) for my signature to Messrs. Wisner, Amory, and [REDACTED] telling them that if they were going to make any major changes in the information they had already given us with regard to space allocations they must do so within the next two weeks.

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7. I talked to [REDACTED] about his program prior to departure for [REDACTED] some time next year. Told him that I would like to have [REDACTED] read in on his functions right away and that I would like to have both of them participate in the DD/S building problems but would prefer to continue to hold Bob responsible for the time being. He agreed that he should be able to continue to carry the load until about the first of the year. It will be helpful to have [REDACTED] in on everything, however, so that if something has to be done while Bob is going to school it can be taken care of.

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8. Shef Edwards telephoned to say that [REDACTED] had requested a Security Officer and that the FE Division had agreed. Shef proposes to send out [REDACTED] on a 90-day tour to help them get settled, after which he will return to headquarters, pick up his family, and go out on a PCS basis. I approved and asked Shef to have [REDACTED] stop by to see me.

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9. Talked to Matt Baird about the Director's reaction to [REDACTED] replacement and Matt agreed to drop the matter.

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10. Kirk called to ask if I had any objection if he contacted Mr. Ivory in the Bureau of the Budget who has charge of the over-all aid program to [REDACTED] He is fearful that our big PM project there may get us into trouble eventually.

11. General Cabell telephoned to say that he had asked the Director to set aside a time when he could relax with the Deputies and a few other seniors to talk about our manpower problem, what we were going to do about personnel ceilings, reductions, etc., and that the Director had agreed to this get-together and reserved a room at the Alibi Club for dinner on the evenings of 17 and 18 April. One of these dates will be chosen later by the Director. This will be a Dutch treat affair and the Director desires that in addition to myself Gates Lloyd, Larry Houston, and Gordon Stewart attend. He requests that any ideas that we can generate for discussion at that time be brought forward. I agreed to notify the other DD/S personnel. H